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**Extra From
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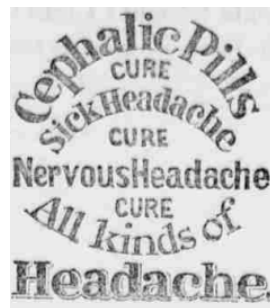
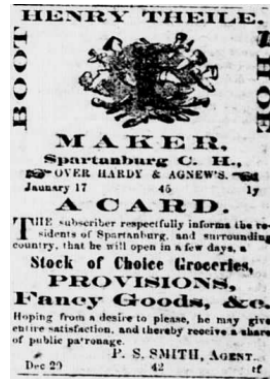
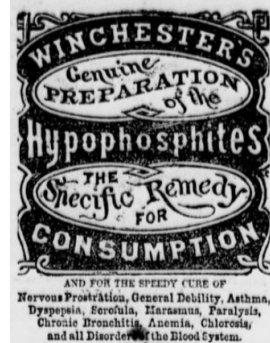
Our New Speaker!

Being present at the recent proceedings, I witnessed, and am pleased to say voted in, the election of a speaker of no small consequence to the present condition of the Commonwealth. Mr. Ethan Alonzo, of the Pennyroyal region, was chosen after a closely contested final vote, receiving fourteen ballots to ten for his opponent of the Bluegrass Unionist interest. The deliberations were marked by earnestness throughout, and the result, though decisive, plainly reflected the divided sentiments which now prevail within Kentucky.

Upon announcing his candidacy, Mr. Alonzo delivered a declaration which drew the close attention of those assembled. In measured but resolute terms, he avowed himself to be true to the people of Kentucky, pledging that, if entrusted with the chair, he would hold foremost the protection of our land and property, and the preservation of those institutions upon which the welfare of the State

depends. This sentiment, expressed without undue passion yet with evident conviction, was received with approval by many who are anxious that, in a time of uncertainty, the rights and security of the Commonwealth should not be left exposed to hazard.

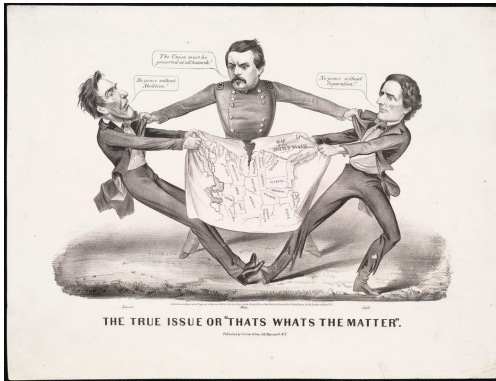
The result of the ballot may be taken as an indication of the present disposition of the House, wherein no one party commands full authority, yet where there is a growing desire for leadership attentive to Kentucky's own interests. The strength of the opposition shows that attachment to the Union remains considerable, even as others look with increasing concern to the safeguarding of property and local authority. It is to be hoped that, under Mr. Alonzo's direction, the proceedings of the House will be conducted with that moderation and steadiness which the times so urgently require.



Special From our New Speaker!

I'm very humbled to have been elected as Speaker of this great house. I recall the late great Henry Clay's words, "Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees. And both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people." To be elected and trusted with as great a responsibility as this by gentlemen elected and trusted by the great people of Kentucky is an honor, and I treat this duty with the honor and respect it deserves.

In terms of goals or agendas, my allegiances ultimately lie with Kentucky and her people. It is imperative that we proceed in a manner that keeps her and her citizens safe, especially in these tumultuous times. I promise that I will not let the trust placed in me go to waste.



“That’s What’s the matter” by Currier & Ives

Carltonia Has Enough
Jessie E. Moneymaker

The recent action of South Carolina, in withdrawing herself from the Federal Union, has stirred no small degree of anxiety and speculation throughout the several States. While there are those who hasten to condemn her course as rash, it would better become a thoughtful people to consider the grounds upon which such a determination rests. The Union, as originally framed, was not designed as an instrument of compulsion, but as a pact among sovereign States, formed for the protection of their rights, their peace, and their property.

It has long been asserted by statesmen, among whom the late Mr. Calhoun is most distinguished, that the Federal Government draws its authority from the consent of the States, and that when that authority is so exercised as to threaten the safety of their institutions, the parties to the compact are not without recourse. Chief among the rights to be secured by government is that of property, without which neither liberty nor order

Yet it must also be admitted that such a course is attended by consequences of the gravest character. The disruption of established relations of trade, the unsettling of confidence, and the uncertainty that attends political division are not matters to be lightly dismissed. It is

even in the face of separation, a spirit of moderation may prevail, and that no unnecessary disturbance shall be inflicted upon the peaceful pursuits of industry or the secure enjoyment of property.

For Kentucky, standing as she does between sections, the question must be approached with caution and firmness alike. We cannot be indifferent to the rights of a sister State, nor can we disregard the necessity of safeguarding our own institutions and the fruits of our labor. Let us then proceed without passion, acknowledging the principles asserted by South Carolina, while maintaining that the first duty of any government, the protection of property, the preservation of order, and the security of society. In these ends, and in these alone, can we hope to find a path that preserves both our honor and our prosperity.

NEW PROSPECT Academy.
THE EXERCISES of this School will re-commence on the 1st of FEBRUARY next, under the charge of **Mr. Thos. Lee**, as PRINCIPAL, assisted by **Mr. SAMUEL LANCASTER**, in the English Department.
The Studies are as follows, with prices as below named per Session:
FIRST DEPARTMENT:
Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Primary Geography, and Declamation. : : : : : \$5 00
SECOND DEPARTMENT:
The above with English Grammar, Composition and History. : : : : : 7 50
THIRD DEPARTMENT:
The above with Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Algebra, Geometry, Surveying, &c. : : : : : \$10 00
FOURTH DEPARTMENT:
The above with Ancient Languages. 12 50
French will be taught for an extra charge of : : : : : 5 00
All who wish, may be prepared for the Sophomore Class in any of our Colleges.
The Scholastic Year will consist of two Sessions, of about Five Months each.
A SUNDAY-SCHOOL will be kept up under the Superintendence of the Principal.
Those in the Primary Department will be charged 25 cents Initiation Fee; all others 50 cents.
Persons wishing to enter this School, may ascertain the Books used, by application to the Principal, **Mr. LEE**, or **J. G. LANDRUM**, Chm. Board Trustees.
WM. T. WILKINS, Sec'y and Treasurer.

The whole thing was got up against my judgment and advice, and will end in thin smoke. Still, I hope, as a matter of courtesy to some of our spring brethren, that you will send the delegates.

“Truly your friend,
“Z. Chandler.”

“His Excellency Austin Blair.

“P. S.—Some of the manufacturing States think that a fight would be useful. Without a little blood letting this Union will not, in my estimation, be worth a rush.”

COLOPHON

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In what is known as the “upper end” of the county, there is a man who has the original sobriquet of “Whispering John R——.” This title he has gained from the fact that he always speaks (even in conversation) as if he were a major-general on parade, or, to use a more common expression, “like he was raised in a mill.”

This gentleman mounted his horse one of the coldest mornings last week before daylight, for the purpose of riding down to M——, in time to take the morning train of cars to N——. He rode up to the hotel just as the boarders and travelers had done their breakfast.

He dismounted, and walking into the bar-room, spoke to the landlord in his usual thundering tone: “Good morning, Mr. L——, how do you do this morning?”

“I very well, Mr. R——, how do you do?”

“Oh! I am well, but I’m so cold I can hardly talk.”

Just then, a nervous traveler who was present, ran up to the landlord, and catching him by the coat said: “Mr. L——, have my horse brought as soon as possible.”

“What is the matter, my dear sir? Has anything happened?”

“Nothing upon earth, only I want to get away from here before that man thaws.”

The fact that Senators Chandler and Bingham, of Michigan, had telegraphed and afterwards written to Governor Blair, of that State, desiring him, if possible, to have the Legislature consider its refusal to appoint Commissioners to the Peace Conference at Washington, and suggesting themselves as proper candidates for the appointment has already been stated. The Governor, it appears, has abused the conduct or position in him by allowing the modest and patriotic correspondence of these gentlemen to be made public. Both letters appear in the Detroit Free Press; both are to the same effect. That of Senator Chandler being the briefest and most pointed of the two, we publish it below:

Washington, Feb. 11, 1861.

“My Dear Governor: Governor Bingham and myself telegraphed you on Saturday, at the request of Massachusetts and New York, to send delegates to the Peace or Compromise Congress. They admit that we were right, and they were wrong; that no Republican State should have sent delegates, but they are mad and can’t get away. Ohio, Indiana and Rhode Island are caving in, and there is danger of Illinois, and now they top the list as fast as we can to rescue and save the Republican party from rupture. I hope you will send stiff backed men or none.